Excise and Customs Allies An SIBBH arid " Cottage Industries

5411. SHRl O P. KOHLI : Will the Minister of'FlNANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether new excise duties amounting to Rs.'2lQ6 crpte liave beein levieid Orf small and cottage industries in' 1994-95 Budget;

(b) whether exemption in the customs duties amounting to Rs. 2981 crore has been granted and exemptions in excise duties to the extent of Rs 2000 crore has been given on the goods manufactured by the big industrial units:

(c) whether as a result of that the small and cottage industries'will not be able tcwwithstarid competition withthe foreign goods as well as th"e goods manufactured by the big industrial units;

(d) if so. whether Government propose to withdraw the imposition of new excise duties on the small and cottage industries; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) 'a) and (b) Not SH the revenue implications relate to si! the proposals made in T994-95 Budget with > regard toe central dxcise and customs duties.

(c) The small scale and cottage industries wnuld no! be adversely affected:by the J994-95 Budget changes. Such units are generally elig ible, io-tttesexejription under (he SSJ ex-EiKpfton scheaio in terms of which no duty is reqi'iredlfo be paid on clearances upto Rs. 30 lakhs in a financial: year. For further'clealrances Upto Rs. 75 lakhs-certain excise duly.'concessions have' b?en provided in She SSI units.

(d) and (e) Do not arise,*'in view'oT (c) abofe,

mtecniilfaenl of Ex-serHcemen in ITC

5412. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister, of FINANCF be pleased to state:

fa): whether Government are aware that a strious , protest has been raised ,by Ex-st--rviceEaen Assciation against the recruitment process adoptedby LIC/or the post of Assistant fof'Dehriadtih[1]t)ivUfon;

(b) whether it is a fact that the LIC earlier appointed out df 80 Vacancies advertised but did not increase their proportional ddido'ifral 60 vacancies ftlled'up fift- the post! *

(a) if so, what are the reasons for ignoring the remaihiwg" candidates of the Ex-servicemen category on & ptei that th«y retired "after December, 1992 though they "were ctilWa *6f-written test as well as for interview? 'whether Government"propose to fill Alp 14.5 percent posts reserved Tor feservtfcrirSn;"" as prescribed lot iKe saftf post In SrjlWe^late ' future: if sd, by when; and

(d) if not what affe the tea sottfc therefor?

HIE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY QF> FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY)*: (a) to. Sic ForliUingBp 60vacaftetesof Assistants the Defcfadun tJtvisiofiSl Office o* the Life" Insurance Cofpofatid* of 'India (UCO was requited to prepared panel'of 120 candidate* which should have included 17 Ex-servicemeti. For th is purpose, 110 Ex-servkxinien were spon-sord by the Zffla Sairift Board 28 of them were qualified for the int*Wiew after appearing inthe written test. UndeMhe eligibilrty nbrtns'bf the LICI, ultimately only 10 were found suitable ?'ar appointment Bod'only 9 joined the service of the LICLTheTb^semcetrren'who-were[1] dented appointment Bythe LICI bh account of their being siih* iti servtceof the Armed Forces have filed a' case in the court of "Civil Judge; l>ehradun and the matter is subjudice. The court hai directed (he LICI to keep *e»«frn*ef *of* vacancies that can be filled in according'to the reservation rules but have not actualryteeh ' fliied ill to be kept unfilled As the cobrthaS specifically directed the IJCI to keep the v*can*[1] eies pending, no action can be taken by 'the' LICI to fin in these vacancies:

Borrowing by P. S. Us., to Finance their plans

5413. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHl-i NANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of,, FINANCE be pleased to state :

(») whether Government have permitted ;

public sector undertakings to raise borrowings worth Rs. 10,000 crore to fund their developmental plans during 1994-95;

(b) if so, what is the current years target;

(c) the highlights of the Central Plan and Increased Funds from the Central Plan to P.S.Us; and

(d) what are the details of total budgetary support to the central undertakings in Central-Plan outlay as compared to previous years' allocation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Budget for 1994-9;') envisages that the Central public sector enterprises will raise Rs. 7464.02 crore from bond/debenture issues to finance their current year's Plan outlay.

(c) The total outlay for the Central Plan in 1994-95 is estimated at Rs. 70141 crore, out of which the allocation earmarked for the plans of the public sector enterprises is Rs. 50064 crore. The highlights of the Central Plan are given at pages 11-12 of the document Budget at a Glance 1994-95.

(d) The budgetary support from Centra! Government for the Plan outlay of its PSEs, from 1992-93 onwanls, is given below:—

(Rupees in crore)

	1992-93 (RE)	1993-94 (RE)	1994-95 (BE)
Budgetary support for Plan outlay of Central PSEs.	6576	7451	7201

Withdrawal of Tax on Slock Brokers

5414. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : WAI the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the proiwjsai of Securities Exchange Board of India ;h as assured the stock brokers that they will take up their case for removal of 5 percent tax on brokerage, proposed in the current Finance Bill; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No.,

Sir. (b) Does not arise.

Reappointment of Scam Tainted Auditors

5415. SHRI MAIANG SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that scam-tainted auditors have been reappointed during the current year;

(b) if so, what are the names of such auditors and the details of remarks made by J.P.C. against them; and

(c) what are the reasons for reappointment of those auditors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) no, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Non-Performing Assets of United Bank of India

5416. SHRI MATANG SINH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that United Bank of India has accumulated more than 900 crores as non-performing assets and if so, the details thereof and how much amount is proposed to be recovered during the current year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that about 188 crores out of the above outstandings stand in the names of big and medium corporate houses; if so, what are the names of such parties together with the outstanding dues as on 1st January, 1994; and